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COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES
Substantive session
Agenda item 12*

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

Draft report

Rapporteur: Mr. Imre KARBUCZKY (Hungary)

XI. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. Membership

1. The General Assembly, in its resolution 43/222 B, decided to retain the Committee on Conferences as a permanent subsidiary organ. Pursuant to that resolution, the Committee for 1993 was composed of the following Member States: Austria, Chile, Cyprus, Fiji, France, Gabon, Grenada, Honduras, Hungary, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Morocco, Mozambique, Niger, Russian Federation, Senegal, Turkey and United States of America.

B. Officers

2. The Committee elected the following officers to serve in 1993:

Chairman: Mr. Mahmoud Barimani (Islamic Republic of Iran)

Vice-Chairmen: Mr. Avni Karslioglu (Turkey)
Mr. Fernando Varela (Chile)
Mr. El Hassane Zahid (Morocco)

Rapporteur: Mr. Imre Karbuczky (Hungary)

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* A/AC.172/150/Add.1.

3. The Committee also agreed in principle at its organizational meeting, held on 2 March 1993, that the Chairman would undertake informal consultations with a view to determining the composition of the Committee's Bureau in 1994.

C. Organization of work

4. At the same meeting, the Committee agreed to meet as required to take up matters related to the calendar of conferences and its implementation, in particular the consideration of inter-sessional departures from the approved calendar. Also at the same meeting, the Committee requested the Secretariat to present a draft biennial agenda for 1994-1995 at the organizational session to be held in 1994. The Committee held the first part of its substantive session from 17 to 21 May 1993 and the second part from _____ 1993.

D. Programme of work

5. At its 334th meeting, on 17 March 1992, the Committee requested the Secretariat to present a draft provisional agenda and biennial programme of work, 1994-1995, to its organizational meeting in 1993, which was subsequently issued in document A/AC.172/150 and adopted by the Committee.

6. The Director of Conference Services addressed the Committee at the opening of its organizational and substantive sessions.

XII. WORK OF THE COMMITTEE DURING THE FORTY-SEVENTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, FROM SEPTEMBER TO DECEMBER 1992

7. No meetings were held by the Committee on Conferences during the forty-seventh session of the General Assembly. However, the Committee was seized with the following requests:

Committee	Request	Action taken
UNITAR, Board of Trustees	To hold a special session at Headquarters, from 16 to 18 December 1992	Recommended to the General Assembly that it authorize an exception to section I, paragraph 7, of resolution 40/243, thereby authorizing the Board of Trustees of UNITAR to meet in accordance with its request.

Committee	Request	Action taken
Preparatory Committee for the Second United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (HABITAT II)	To convene the organizational session in New York, and the first substantive session in New York or Geneva	Recommended to the General Assembly that it grant an exception to section I, paragraph 4, of resolution 40/243, thereby authorizing the Preparatory Committee to meet away from its established headquarters.
Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for the Elaboration of an International Convention to Combat Desertification in those countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa	To convene the organizational session in New York, and substantive sessions in New York and Nairobi	Recommended to the General Assembly that it grant an exception to section I, paragraph 4, of resolution 40/243, thereby authorizing the Intergovernmental committee to meet away from its established headquarters.